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SUBJ: CONFISCATED AIRCRAFT: 1969 SIAI-MARCHETTI REGISTRATION
NO. N 926 W

REF: TUCKER-MUDD TELCON 4-12-78

1. SUBJECT AIRCRAFT OWNED BY GRAPEVINE WELDING CORP. OF GRAPEVINE, TEXAS, FRED TOMLIN PRESIDENT. AIRCRAFT WAS FLOWN INTO MEXICO IN FEBRUARY 73 AND ABANDONED BY TOMLIN'S SON, MELVIN W. TOMLIN. FROM 73 THROUGH 77 CONSULATE GENERAL AND EMBASSY WORKED WITH TOMLIN AND SON-IN-LAW ATTORNEY, MR. SCOTT LYFORD, BOX 25, SOUTHWEST TOWER, 211 EAST SEVENTH, SUITE 700, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701, ATTEMPTING RECOVER AIRCRAFT WHICH WAS EVENTUALLY ACTUALLY MOVED TO BORDER BUT IMPOUNDED BY MEXICAN CUSTOMS THERE (CIUDAD MIGUEL ALEMAN, TAMAULIPAS). IN OCTOBER 77 THE OWNER'S ATTORNEY ADVISED US THAT, IN VIEW OF THE CONDITION OF THE AIRCRAFT, FURTHER EFFORT WAS NOT JUSTIFIED.

2. THE CONSULATE GENERAL REPORTED ON THE CASE TO SEN. TOWER IN LETTERS DATED APRIL 10, 1974 AND SEPT. 23, 1974.

3. HARRY WILLIAMS: IN FEB. 1975, HARRY L WILLIAMS MADE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO PICK UP THE AIRCRAFT. THIS INCIDENT STANDS AS ANOMALY IN THE FILE AS IT SEEMS THAT NEITHER OURSELVES NOR MEXICAN AUTHORITIES NOR THE OWNER'S ATTORNEY HAD BEEN OFFERED ANY EVIDENCE OF ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN WILLIAMS AND THE AIRCRAFT OR
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ITS OWNER. ACCORDING TO THE ATTORNEY THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES (AGENCIA DEL MINISTERIO PUBLICO FEDERAL) BELIEVED WILLIAMS TRYING TO ILLEGALLY REMOVE AIRCRAFT AND THEY INTENDED ARREST HIM. THE BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE WILLIAMS WAS NOT ARRESTED AND HIS NAME APPEARS IN THE FILE ONLY ONCE AGAIN, IN A NOVEMBER 1976 LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR TO CONGRESSMAN JAMES M. COLLINS, BRIEFING ON THE CASE IN GENERAL BUT REFERRING TO THE AIRCRAFT AS WILLIAMS' AIRPLANE.

ANOTHER NAME APPEARS IN A MARCH 77 REPORT TO CONGRESSMAN SAM NUNN, THIS TIME REFERRING TO MR. GUY HILL'S EFFORTS TO GET QUOTE HIS UNQUOTE PLANE RELEASED. OUR FILE DOES NOT IDENTIFY THE NUMBER OF POSSIBLE CO-OWNERS BUT DOES IDENTIFY THE JEFFERSON BANK AND TRUST CO., OF CLAYTON, MISSOURI AS MORTGAGE HOLDER.

4. FOR EMBASSY: REQUEST YOU SUPPLY ANY IMPORTANT DETAILS FROM YOUR RECORDS WHICH OUR FILES MAY NOT HAVE.
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